GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – REVENUE DEPARTMENT – Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe by Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy, S/o Venkata Subba Rao, 51 yrs, formerly Deputy Tahsildar (Epic). I/C Civil Supplies Deputy Tahsildar (CSDT) for Gurazala and Macherla Assembly Constituencies, Guntur District – Trapped on 18.12.2014 – Sanction of Prosecution –Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 71 Dated: 17-02-2016

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy, formerly Deputy Tahsildar (Epic), I/C Civil Supplies Deputy Tahsildar (CSDT) for Gurazala and Macherla Assembly Constituencies, Guntur District from 01.11.2014 to 18.12.2014 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. And whereas, it is alleged that Sri Orsu Prema Raju is r/o. D.No. 7-143/3, Luthern Mission compound, Rentachintala village. His wife Smt. Dakuri Yesamma was a Fair Price Shop Dealer vide FP Shop No. 3, at Rentachintala Vilalge. Sri Orsu Prema Raju and his wife together have been running the said fair price shop since 2009. On 19-11-2014, on information the Station House Officer of Rentachintala Police Station caught 250 liters of blue kerosene while transporting it illegally to the black market in an auto from the Fair Prince Shop wife of Sri Orsu Prema Raju, and that the Station House Officer - Rentachintala Police Station registered a criminal case vide in Cr.No. 115/2014 Under Section 420 IPC and Section 7 (1) of EC Act, 1955 against Sri Orsu Prema Raju, his wife, his brother's son, and driver of the auto and seized the kerosene. Having seized the said blue kerosene, the Station House Officer, Rentachintala PS gave information to Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy in writing, for taking over the seized kerosene. On the same day, Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy, checked the Fair Price shop of wife of Sri Orsu Prema Raju, with the assistance of local Revenue and Panchayat officials in the presence of mediators, and seized the available stock as well as Fair Price shop under the provisions of Section 6-A of EC Act, 1955. Then Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy came to know through the neighbors that Sri Orsu Prema Raju and his wife has concealed 9 ½ quintals of PDS rice in their house which located adjoining to their Fair Price shop. Since no member of the family of Sri Orsu Prema Raju was available at their house, Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy did not break open the lock of the house and seize the alleged 9 ½ quintals of PDS rice. Taking this as an advantage that can get bribe from Sri Orsu Prema Raju, on 10.12.2014 Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy called Sri Orsu Prema Raju and demanded him Rs. 10,000/- as bribe by putting him under fear that "he will get book another criminal case against Sri Orsu Prema Raju and his family members, unless Sri Orsu Prema Raju pays Rs. 10,000/- as bribe to him". As Sri Orsu Prema Raju did not interest to pay such bribe to Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy he left the place expressing his inability. Again on the call of Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy, on 16-12-2014 morning also Sri Orsu Prema Raju met him at his office and then also Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy re-iterated of his previous demand of bribe. Finally, Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy reduced bribe amount to Rs. 8,000/-. Sri Orsu Prema Raju unwillingly agreed for the same and promised

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that he will pay the amount within two days. As Sri Orsu Prema Raju has no interest to pay the said demanded bribe amount to Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy, he lodged a written report to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Guntur registered a case on 18-12-2014 at 06.30 hrs, in Cr.No. 16/RCT-ACB-GNT/2014 U/s 7 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and submitted FIR to the concerned and made arrangements for laying the trap.

3. And whereas, after completion of pre-trap proceedings, the trap party reached the vicinity of the office of the Tahsildar, Gurazala on 18.12.2014 at 13.00 hours, where Sri Malepati Veera Venakata Narayana Murthy was successfully trapped at 14.00 hours, when Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy, further demanded and accepted a bribe of RS. 8,000/- from Sri Orsu Prema Raju. When the chemical test conducted on both hand fingers of Sri M.V.V. Narayana Murthy, they yielded positive result. In pursuance of the information furnished by Sri M.V.V. Narayana Murthy, the tainted amount of Rs. 8,000/- was recovered from his shirt's left side inner pocket. When compared, the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found tallied with those of the serial numbers of the currency notes handed over by Sri Orsu Prema Raju during pre-trap proceedings. The chemical test conducted on the inner linings of shirt's left side inner pocket of Sri M.V.V. Narayana Murthy, it was also yielded positive result. The Deputy Superintendent of Police seized the tainted amount, shirt of Sri M.V.V. Narayana Murthy, resultant solutions, secured relevant records and examined the witnesses. He also got prepared rough sketch of the scene of offences.

4. After completion of post-trap proceedings at Office of the Tahsildar, Gurazala, the trap party along with Tahsildar – Gurazala who was also in-charge to Rentachintala Mandal for the day, his staff, Sri M.V.V. Narayana Murthy and Sri Orsu Prema Raju, verified the 9 ½ quintals of PDS rice which was concealed by Sri Orsu Prema Raju and his wife in their house bath room which is located adjoin to their Fair Price shop No. 3 at 20.45 hours and found them present. The Deputy Superintendent of Police got weighed the said PDS rice and found them that those where about 9 ½ quintals (19 bags).

5. And whereas, the above said acts of Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy, worked as Deputy Tahsildar (Epic), I/C Civil Supplies Deputy Tahsildar (CSDT) for Gurazala and Macheral Assembly Constituencies, Guntur District, constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(2) read with 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy, worked as Deptuty Tahsildar (Epic), I/C Civil Supplies Deputy Tahsildar (CSDT) for Gurazala and Macherla Assembly Constituencies, Guntur District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. FIR, Mediator reports, statement of witnesses, made up files, explanation of Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy and final report of Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, etc.,) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayna Murthy, worked as Deputy Tahsildar (Epic), I/C of Civil Supplies Deputy Tahsildar (CSDT) for Gurazala and Macherla Assembly Constituencies, Guntur District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

7. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (c) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accorded sanction for the Prosecution of Sri Malepati Veera Venkata Narayana Murthy, worked as Deputy Tahsildar (Epic), I/C Civil Supplies Deputy Tahsildar (CSDT) for Gurazala and Macherla Assembly Constituencies,

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Guntur District for the above said offences punishable under section 7 & 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.C. SHARMA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh,
Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER